

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A folding toothbrush comprising:
 - a handle;
 - an arm movably joined to said handle and having bristles disposed at one end thereof;
 - a power supply contained within the handle;
 - a mechanical means contained within the arm and operated by said power supply to create movement of the bristles when said mechanical means is activated;
 - wherein the power supply includes a first electrical contact and the mechanical means includes a second electrical contact and when the toothbrush is in an unfolded position the first electrical contact makes an electrical connection with the second electrical contact to power the mechanical means; and
 - a means to maintain the toothbrush in said unfolded position, wherein the means to maintain the toothbrush in said unfolded position includes a detent fixed on the handle about a region defined as where the arm is joined to the handle, said detent moves in relation to a first recess, of a plurality of recesses fixed on the arm about said region.
2. (Cancel)
3. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein when the toothbrush is in a folded position, the electrical connection between the first and second electrical contacts is broken such that the mechanical means becomes disabled.
4. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 3, wherein the mechanical means to create movement of the bristles includes a motor mechanism and an offset weight that is spun about an axle that is rotated by the motor mechanism.

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5. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said handle includes a cavity for receiving said arm and said bristles therein when the toothbrush is in a folded position.

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7. (Cancel)

8. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising:

a handle having a power supply contained therein, and having an end a-end with a pair of opposing sides positioned to define a gap therebetween;

an arm movably joined between said opposing sides of said end of the handle, to define a moveable junction there between, and having bristles disposed at one end of said arm;

a motor mechanism contained within the arm and operable to move said bristles when activated; and

a means for supplying power to the motor mechanism when the toothbrush is in an outstretched position;

a region defined about the moveable junction of the arm and the handle;

a detent fixed on an inside area defined on each opposing side of said handle about said region; and

corresponding first recesses, of a plurality of corresponding recesses, fixed on an outside area defined on either side of said arm about said region;

wherein the toothbrush is maintained in an outstretched position when said detents move moves into said corresponding first recesses.

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9. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush of Claim 8, wherein the means for supplying power to the motor mechanism when the toothbrush is in an outstretched position includes a first electrical contact in communication with the power supply and positioned in the handle, and a second electrical contact in communication with the motor mechanism and positioned in the arm such that when the arm and the handle are in the outstretched position the first and second electrical contacts make an electrical connection whereby power from the power supply is able to operate the motor mechanism.

10. (Original) The toothbrush of Claim 9, further comprising a weight attached to an axle that is rotated by the motor mechanism, the weight is positioned on the axle in proximity to the bristles such that when the axle is rotated the spinning weight causes the arm to oscillate such that the bristles vibrate.

11. (Cancel)

12. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush of claim 8, wherein the toothbrush is maintained in a position other than the outstretched position when the detents are detent is moved into one of the plurality of recesses other than said first recesses recess.